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**Artro Whitman is a native Alabamian, born and raised in Huntsville, Alabama. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology in 1976 from the University of Alabama, Huntsville (UAH), Artro served in US Air Force and was stationed in Austin, Texas. His civil service career began in 1979 when he was accepted into the para-trainee program as a supply specialist to the US Army Missile Command (MICOM) at Redstone Arsenal. He developed his logistics expertise within MICOM by serving in various positions of responsibility as an inventory management specialist, supply systems analyst, and supervisory logistics management specialist.**

**In 1999, Artro was promoted to Deputy Director of the Materiel Management Directorate (MMD) in the Integrated Materiel Management Center (IMMC) and subsequently was selected as the director. He was chosen in 2003 to lead the Command LEAN Cadre Office, a crucial, pilot program to develop and implement LEAN thinking and initiatives throughout the Command. Under his guidance, numerous Value Stream Mapping (VSM) events were conducted with the end results improving overall support to the weapon system teams, Foreign Military Sales customers, and ultimately the Warfighter.**

**Artro returned to the IMMC in 2004 to resume his duties as MMD Director. Since his return, Artro has continued to champion LEAN initiatives by implementing many innovative methods of process improvements. One such innovation was the reorganization of the directorate into the Materiel and Supply Chain Management Directorate which improved the alignment of the oversight of the entire supply chain management processes.**

**Artro's career is a distinguished one as reflected in the many awards and recognitions he has received throughout his career. These awards include the Superior Civilian Service Award in 2004, Commander Award for Civilian Service in 1997, numerous Special Act or Service Awards, and annual Performance Awards. He represented the Command as a nominee for the 2006 Association of the United States Army, Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, Department of Army Civilian of the Year Award. In 1998, he was honored for his success on the college basketball and in the classroom as an inductee into the UAH Charger Hall of Honor.**

**His memberships include the Army Acquisition Corps where he holds a Level III (Senior) Certification in Life Cycle Logistics and the UAH Alumni Association.**